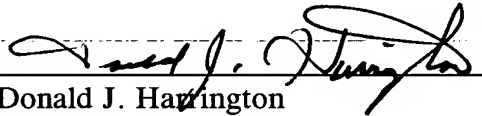


**Remarks**

Claims 27 and 28 have been amended to correct an informality. This informality was noted by the Examiner in an Examiner's Amendment attached to the Notice of Allowability dated August 23, 2005. The present Amendment is made to include the article "an" rather than the article "a" in the change made in the Examiner's Amendment.

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